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On: TEXAS SPRING ONION PRODUCTION
UP 11 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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Austin . . . The 2008 spring onion production in South Texas is expected to total 3.47 million hundredweight (cwt), up 11 percent from last year.

Based on the April 1 survey conducted by the USDA-NASS, Texas Field Office, yield is estimated at 365 cwt per acre, up 65 cwt from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 9,500 acres. Planted acreage is estimated at 11,000 acres, down 12 percent from the previous spring.

Producers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley expect to harvest 7,200 acres, down 9 percent from a year ago.

In the San Antonio-Winter Garden and Laredo areas, harvest is forecast at 2,300 acres, down 8 percent from a year ago.

United States producers expect to harvest 29,400 acres of spring onions, down 5 percent from last year.

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TEXAS SPRING ONIONS: ACRES PLANTED AND HARVESTED BY AREAS, 2006-2008

Area	Acres planted			Acres harvested		
	2006	2007	2008 ^{1/}	2006	2007	2008 ^{1/}
	<i>Acres</i>			<i>Acres</i>		
Lower Rio Grande Valley/Coastal Bend . . .	13,600	9,500	8,400	11,700	7,900	7,200
Winter Garden/Laredo.	4,100	3,000	2,600	3,500	2,500	2,300
TOTAL ALL AREAS.	17,700	12,500	11,000	15,200	10,400	9,500

^{1/} Preliminary.